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### MISSOULA MEN RECEIVE UM SERVICE AWARD

#### MISSOULA --

Five Missoula men and a man from Billings will receive the University of Montana Service Award Saturday, Nov. 9, before the Grizzlies' home game against the University of Nevada, for their work organizing the UM Alumni Band.

Fred Nelson, Hal Herbig, John Combs, Lance Boyd and Tom Cook, all of Missoula, and Don Stanaway of Billings were nominated by the UM Alumni Association for the award, which recognizes UM alumni who in some way serve their alma mater.

Organized in 1988, the band plays only on homecoming weekend. About 50-60 alumni of all ages, all of whom played in a UM band, arrive on Friday of homecoming weekend in time for an afternoon rehearsal. After a banquet and a jazz session Friday night, the band plays Saturday in the homecoming parade and for halftime at the afternoon football game.

"We think the Alumni Band is one of the best things about homecoming," said UM Alumni Association Director Bill Johnston. "These guys spend countless hours arranging music, calling members, setting up rehearsals. We just wanted to find some way to thank them."

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Johnston said the band is very popular on the parade route:  
"You know when the Alumni Band is coming because you can hear the  
cheers. Everyone loves them."

Nelson graduated from UM with a bachelor's degree in music  
in 1952 and a master's in music education in 1956. He is a  
retired music teacher from Sentinel High School and works for  
Morgenroth Music in Missoula.

Combs graduated from UM in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in  
music education, then went to the University of Southern  
California for a master's degree. He is the band director at  
Hellgate High School.

Herbig graduated from UM with a bachelor's in music in 1951.  
He taught at UM and in the Missoula high schools.

Cook and Boyd are UM music professors. Cook is also the  
director of bands and Boyd directs jazz studies.

Stanaway received a bachelor's in business from UM in 1952,  
and is president of A&I Distributors in Billings.

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